(b) air curing said acrylic resin; and

(c) applying a metal film to said raised bead of acrylic resin at a temperature sufficient to bond said metal film to said raised bead of acrylic resin.

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17. (Amended) The method of Claim 15 wherein said acrylic resin bead is air-cured at room temperature for 24 to 48 hours until reaching a hardness of 65% on a 0% to 100% durometer scale when a 1.0 mm flat point needle is completely compressed against said resin bead for 3 seconds, creating a force of 10 Newtons at the needle.

18. (Amended) The method of Claim 15 wherein the metal film is aluminum which is applied by pressing the film against said raised bead of acrylic resin with a rubber roller heated to a temperature in the range of 300° F to 380° F.

19. (Amended) The method of Claim 15 wherein the panel is intended for exterior use and the metal film is chrome which is applied by pressing the film against said raised bead of acrylic resin with a rubber roller heated to a temperature in the range of 350° to 430° F.

Remarks

Claims 15 and 17-19 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully traverses each of the Examiner's rejection as discussed in detail below.

A. The language of Claim 15 and 16 has been amended so that the claims are no longer indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

The Examiner has rejected the Claims as being indefinite because of the phrase "raised bead of air-curable acrylic resin" being unclear and confusing. Further, the Examiner has objected to the term "about" in Claims 16-19. The Claims have been amended to correct these indefinite areas as suggested by the Examiner.

B. Claims 15-19 are not obvious in view of the cited reference